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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from September 15 to October 15 are listed below. These projects have been screened through the internal environmental review process for potential impacts on wetlands, threatened and endangered species, and cultural and archaeological resources, etc. Through the review process it was determined that environmental impacts have been kept to a minimum and mitigated as necessary, that they do not meet the criteria for significant actions as defined in the environmental review process, and may proceed. All of these projects are in compliance with the Endangered Species Protection Act, Natural Areas Preservation Act, Interagency Wetlands Policy Act and cultural resource statutes.

Clinton Lake State Recreational Area

1603350 - This project involves utilizing the heavy equipment crew to remove invasive vegetation within the North Fork Prairie. Project was submitted for review on 9-17-15.

Lincoln Trail State Park

1505269 - This project involves repairing or replacing the shoreline retaining wall to meet ADA requirements. The sidewalk adjacent to the shoreline retaining wall will be removed and replaced where needed. Project was submitted for review on 10-2-15.

Hennepin Canal Parkway

1603387 - This project involves removal of plant species and the construction of a wildlife garden at the Steel Dam (Lock 30) in Milan. Project was submitted for review on 9-16-15.

Prairie Bluff Preserve

1601664 - This project involves transfer of approximately 558.46 acres from IDNR to the Forest Preserve District of Will County and to the Lockport Township Park District. Special legislation was passed for the transfer of approximately 476 acres to the Forest Preserve District and the remaining 82.4 acres to the Park District. Project was submitted for review on 8-12-15.

· Hennepin Canal

1603561 - This project involves installation of a dry hydrant in two locations for emergency water extraction by the Village of Colona. Project was submitted for review on 9-1-15.

Beaver Dam State Park

1601286 - This project involves removing sediment to provide a safer and more navigable area around the existing boat dock and ramp. The existing creek drainage sediment basin will also be cleaned out and a new sediment basin will be constructed. Project was submitted for review on 8-4-15.

Pere Marquette State Park

1603155 - This project involves installation of new underground water and electric lines to two new water troughs for concession equestrian use. Project was submitted for review on 9-11-15.

Mississippi River State Fish & Wildlife Area

1602565 - This project involves demolition of vault toilets due to deteriorated conditions. Project was submitted for review on 9-1-15.

Spring Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area

1603686 - This project involves dredging of a portion of Spring Lake. A homeowner will mechanically dredge an area adjacent his property to accommodate boating and access. Dredge materials will be disposed at an approved off-site location. Project was submitted for review on 9-28-15.

Rice Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area

1603353 - This project involves repairing eroded levees and access repair at 3 different locations within Rice Lake SFWA. Project was submitted for review on 9-9-15.

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